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Location: 132 Wyoming Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: A two-story, two-bay single-family house of tall and narrow proportions having a front-gable roof. The house measures 42'x 16', and is wood-framed covered with wood shingles. Shed-roofed front porch supported by columns. Glass transom over front door. Wooden lattice-work surrounds the original stone foundation.

According to the application for the building permit, an additional room was added over the kitchen in July 1949 for the approximate cost of \$750. The kitchen was also a later addition.

History: Built by Cambria Iron Company ca. 1889-91, this is one of the ten six-room tenements erected at a cost of \$955.62 each. An 1892 map of Westmont Borough indicates this structure. In 1911 tenants paid \$8 per month for rent. Tax assessment records show that Ira L. Potter, a laborer, purchased the house in 1916 for \$1,800, and lived there until March 10, 1927, when he sold the house to James A. Horn, a machinist, for \$2400.

Sources:

Application for Building Permit, no. 812, July 19, 1949. Westmont Borough, Bureau of Zoning, Borough Building, Westmont, Pa.

Deed (389:461 and 1178:848). Cambria County Registry of Deeds, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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Westmont Borough Tax assessment records for 1922. Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Project Information: This report was part of a larger project to document the city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), Robert Kapsch, chief, at the request of America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP). An overview of history of the city (HABS No. PA-5669) and an overview of the neighborhood of Westmont (HABS No. PA-5671) provide context for these buildings as well as a comprehensive list of sources. See also additional HABS reports on buildings in the downtown and other neighborhoods.

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